

REMARKS

Applicants have elected to pursue a new set of claims directed to utilizing an H.323 network to create an "open" environment for networked, multi-user, real-time gaming. These claims are supported by the original specification as filed. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

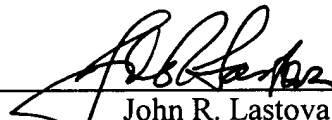
The newly applied Roy patent does not disclose or suggest the features recited in new claims 32-53. By devising codec enhancements to the H.323 multimedia communication client, a new environment is created that does not require specially prepared communication software at each gaming host for communicating real-time gaming data to/from the gaming server and the gaming client(s). Communication between the hosts, (i.e., the H.323 communication clients operating on the respective host(s)), of the gaming server and client(s) can be established using H.323 procedures. The new codec provides the adaptation needed to use an H.323 network in the networked computerized server/client gaming arrangement and method recited in the claims.

The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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